

# Mirandy asks on Child Culture

By Dorothy Dix

"D E ODDER day," remarked Mirandy, "Sis Alvry, what is one of dese heah progressive ladies what has done progressed so far dat she done lost, and don't know what she is, nor what she is headed for, dropped around to my house to make a little visitation, an' she say:

"Sis Mirandy, was you a-readin' in de paper de odder day about dat rich chile what ain't allowed to play with no toys, nor tech nothin' dat ain't been tested for germs, an' dat has a doctor to use a spys glass on hits little innards ev'ry time hit eats, to see dat hits digestion is in good wukkin' order?"

"De de matter wid dat Society for de Prevention of Cruelty to Children from gittin' hold of dem ornamental parents, dat's a-pussicuttin' der own flesh an' blood, an' haul 'em up befo' de court?"

"You don't understand, Sis Mirandy," says Sis Alvry, wid one of dem superior smiles dat makes you want to take de stove lifter or de dust thing handy to de smiler, you don't understand. Dat's one of dem sterilized babies what has got all de advantages of beln' raised accordin' to de doctrine of Scientific Child Culture."

"De cat's foot!" screams I, "you don't say so! What's Scientific Child Culture?"

Raisin 'a Chile  
By de Book.  
"Hit's a-raisin' a chile accordin' to de book," says Sis Alvry.

"Huh!" screams I, "dere ain't but one rule for raisin' a chile, an' dat's dis: 'em when dey's had de good, spunk 'em when dey's had de bad, an' let 'em alone de balance of de time. Follow dat recipe an' you can't fail."

"Dat way of raisin' up a chile might have done in de past," spon's Sis Alvry.

"Well, dey raised up some pretty lakly men an' women den," spon's I.

"I'll be satisfied if my Thomas Jefferson Abrahm Lincoln turns out lak dem he was named for."

"Sis Mirandy," says Sis Alvry, "hit's a-gittin' to be a-raisin' up a chile, wid de modern thought, an' dat you falls to recognize yo' obligations to yo' children, an' what a great problem a chile is."

"De only problem dat bothers me, spon's I, is how to git enough po'k chops to fill 'em up, an' enough clothes to cover 'em."

"Dat's de way you go," moans Sis Alvry, "widout no thought of wheder you is a-givin' yo' children sterilized food, or brakin' dare proud spirits by forcin' dem to do de things dey don't want to do, which de Science of Child Culture teches you not to do."

Breaking Their  
Proud Spirit.  
"Praise be," says I, "what I see tryin' to do is to break dem proud spirits, because I see too many of dem proud spirited chile'n grow up to fill de jails an' ornamental de chain gang. Maybe I don't know nothin' about dis heah Scientific Child Culture, but I see got a hunch dat dem boys an' gals what is brought up to mind dere Maw's an' Paps on de jump when dey says de a thing is gwine to mind de law when dey's grown."

"But you ought not to say 'must' to a chile. Dat's tyrannical. You ought to kind of suggest to a chile what you wants 'em to do," says Sis Alvry.

"Well," spon's I, "I notice dat life is one long 'must' to us. We 'must' wuk or starve. We 'must' let up on eadin' de things we laks, or else we gits sick. We 'must' hold off of drinkin' as much as we wants or else de policeman runs in der bein' drunk an' disorderly."

Up to de very minute dat we dies we 'must' do de things dat we ought to do, an' we don't want to do, an' hit looks lak to me dat we can't git in trainin' for hit too soon."

Sticks to  
The Good Old Plan.  
"Dat's de reason dat I holds to de knock down an' drag out plan of raisin' children. Hit sort of fits 'em in de cradle for what's gwine to come afterward, an' den dey ain't so surprised when dey finds out dat de only way to make a livin' is to wuk for hit, an' dat de law ain't gwine to be changed none to let

dem do as dey pleases, an' dat a few older people in de worl' has got de same rights as dey have."

But de new an' enlightened way to control yo' children, wid de Science of Child Culture, 'is not to use brute force, but to appeal to dere finer feelin's."

De only way to reach a chile's finer feelin's is wid de business end of a hickory switch," spon's I. "Dat's what I see always reached for my children's finer feelin's, an' I ain't never failed to find 'em yit."

Where It Does  
Most Good.  
"Cose I know what you're a-talkin' about, Sis Alvry, an' many's de occasion on which I has noticed Sis Hannah Jane an' Sis Maria argifyin' wid dere offspring, an' platin' dem to de beauty of de higher life, an' tellin' dem how hit grieved dere dear Maw's to see dem actin' up de way dey did, an' a pleadin' wid 'em to be nice, sweet, angel children. Somehow, dough, dem tetchin' words didn't seem to hit de right spot, an' dem chillen kept on a howlin', an' a-cryin', an' a-makin' ev'rybody to earshot miserable."

"Ten I comes along, an' I sees dat my little Thomas Jefferson Abrahm Lincoln had been in dat same devilment as dem odder chillen; but did I waste any words on him? Naww. I des turned him across my knee, an' applied de pa'm of my hand in de spot what hit 'ould do dem most good, an' in two minutes I done regenerated dat chile, an' saved him, an' turned him into one of dem well springs of joy in de house. I tell you, Sis Alvry, dere ain't nothin' de matter wid de ole-fashioned hand-made spank except dat dere ain't enough of hit to go around."

"Don't you believe in Scientific Child Culture, Sis Mirandy?" axes Sis Alvry.

"Sis Alvry," spon's I, "spects hit's a mighty good thing, an' wuks all right on dem spilin' little wuks, sore-eyed chillen what's named Percy or Gladys, but hit ain't no use on dem de constitution of biled greens an' pot licker chillen lak mine. Dey's de little animals, an' I see gwine to deal wid 'em on dat plan."

## DAILY FASHION TALK

By  
Frances Carroll



### Cost of the Garment In Three Materials

**White Silk Mull.**  
White silk mull, 27 inches wide,  
10 yards at 15c yard..... \$1.50  
All-over lace for yoke, 18 inches  
wide, 1/2 yard at \$1 yard..... .50  
Satin taffeta ribbon, 10 yards at  
12c yard..... 1.20  
Total..... \$3.20

**French Organdie.**  
White French organdie, 68 inches  
wide, 2 yards at 4c yard..... \$1.22  
All-over Anglaise lace for yoke,  
20 inches wide, 1/2 yard at 1c..... .50  
Val. lace insertion, 4 yards at 10c  
yard..... .40  
Satin taffeta ribbon, 10 yards at  
12c yard..... 1.20  
Total..... \$3.32

**Princess Lining.**  
White India linen, 40 inches wide,  
2 yards at 10c yard..... \$2.20  
Narrow Val. lace for around neck  
and armholes, 3 yards at 5c  
yard..... .15  
Baby Banding, 2 yards at 3c yard..... .06  
Baby Ribbon, 4 yards at 2c yard..... .08  
Total..... \$2.49

### BROWN BREAD MADE NEW ENGLAND WAY

Recipe by Which Boston's Famous  
Delicacy May Be Easily  
Prepared.

This is the old-fashioned New England recipe for steamed Boston brown bread. That raised with yeast was baked all night.

Sift together a cup of wheat flour, one of Graham flour, and the same of white Indian meal with a teaspoonful of salt. Then mix to insure thorough mixing. Have ready a cup of warm (not boiled) milk, in which you have dissolved one teaspoonful of baking soda, and stir into it a teaspoonful of molasses, made lukewarm. Put the mixed milk and flour into a deep bowl; pour into them a cupful of boiling water; stir hard and beat in gradually the warm milk and molasses. Beat five minutes, and put into a greased mold with a wooden spoon. Set in a pot of warm water and bring at once to a steady boil. Keep this up for three hours and take the mold from the water. Wipe the outside and set, unopened, in the oven. Leave it there, with the oven door ajar, for ten minutes. Take off the top and turn out the bread upon a hot plate.

### SALESWOMEN SEND CONGRATULATIONS

Salewomen throughout the country have been sending congratulations to B. P. Hamilton, of Saco, Me., who has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday. Mr. Hamilton was the first merchant to employ saleswomen and the people of his town, men and women, boycotted his store in consequence. Many of the leading church women called on him personally and remonstrated earnestly with him, calling the sin of placing women in a position of such publicity as behind a counter for the purpose of selling goods.

THE complaint of sedate middle age that the fashions are evolved for the youthful seems to be well grounded, for not in many a year have the fashions for young girls been more attractive. No longer is the blowy young person looked upon with calumny. Indeed, to the average mind the particularity with which Miss Sixteen is dressed is a source of admiration. The young person self-conscious at best and extravagant at worst, is a certain amount of care and foresight is admirable to induce a girl to achieve, however much she may be absorbed in dress and personal appearance may be depreciated.

The patterns required may be had at the Palais Royal.

SHANTUNG COATS FAVORED.

Shantung coats are gaining more and more favor as the season advances, and it will be difficult to find any other style so well adapted to this light and smart and durable fabric for summer wear.

LINGERIE COLOR DESIGN.

Color in lingerie gowns is cleverly introduced in the design of the lace or embroidery trimming, or again in the girdle or about the collar and neck and sleeve.

### WITH THE PUZZLERS

By Frances Carroll

#### PRIZES OFFERED PUZZLE SOLVERS

Two prizes of five, three, and two dollars, respectively, are given to the contestants for the puzzle printed on the Woman's Page of the Sunday evening edition of The Times each week for the three solutions adjudged worthy.

The contest, which closes at 3 p. m. on Friday of each week, is open to all who care to solve the puzzle. The awards are based, primarily, on correctness, timeliness, and neatness. Originality in presentation also receives consideration in awarding the prizes.

COYLY concealed somewhere about my desk since June 27 has been the following letter from the author of this week's puzzle.

Dear Miss Carroll:  
I notice in No. 12 in the puzzle which you so kindly published, has been printed "The Pilgrim and the Shrine," but I thought it better to make the correction so as not to throw anyone out. I am, as I was forced in copying, I am, Yours very sincerely,  
The Rochambeau.

Cause of  
The Error.

Of course, it is too late to afford comfort and support to the contestants in this week's problem, but the publication of the author of the puzzle from the onus of making a mistake and failing to correct it.

An inspection of the original, however, shows that the error was evidently in the copying, despite Miss Castle's care in transcribing.

Way in the world to make mistakes, as I too often have found to my consternation.

School Girl  
Writes of her Prize Money.

Among other notes of more recent date comes one from Miss Kathryn D. Harrison, of 19 Quincy street northeast, who writes as follows:

My Dear Miss Carroll:  
I thank you kindly for the \$2

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# Why Not Blacklist "In-Laws"

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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WITH great solicitude, a woman inquired of another if she were orthodox in her religion.

When told that her companion was a student of metaphysical lines of philosophy, and a believer in what is called "New Thought," and not a church member, the Solicitous Lady sighed and said solemnly: "Oh, that I could lead you into the light of the true faith in time to save you!"

Before the interview ended, the Solicitous Lady began to talk of her daughter-in-law, a lovely young woman of much culture and refinement. The criticisms, the innuendoes, the sarcasms, the bitter jealousies displayed by the mother-in-law toward her son's choice shocked and disgusted the listener.

"And this is the missionary who hopes to save my soul," she said to herself. "May I be spared such salvation?"

A Common Type  
Of Fanatic.

Go into any country neighborhood and you will find this type of religious fanatic. Indeed, you will find entire communities composed of them; women who possess all the virtues save tolerance and kindness toward their in-laws, women who will give their last penny to the poor, sit night after night by beds of sickness, clothe the orphan and comfort the widow; fill the missionary box and weep over the heathen, but who will crucify their sons and daughters-in-law, or their mothers-in-law, with cruel speeches, unkind remarks, constructions, petty jealousies and mean persecutions.

It should be the chosen work of every clergyman in the land to preach a sermon to such women three times a year. Every phase of feminine vice of this nature (for it is one of the colossal

vices and must be so called) the clergyman should place among the cardinal sins, and endeavor to impress upon the minds of his listeners that salvation cannot be obtained until the vice is eliminated from the nature by prayer and humility.

The woman who is known to talk unkindly, or even disagreeably, of her relatives or neighbors should be given probation until she learned the enormity of her sin, and not allowed to participate in the sacrament until she was truly repentant.

The blacklist of the in-laws ought to be included in every church organization. When a member received a notice that her name had been written on the list, she should be given a suitable season for meditation and self-analysis, and if no reform took place she should be expelled from the church.

Dangerous As  
An Immoral Woman.

The wretched misery and unhappiness caused by this type of woman is inconceivable. She is as dangerous to a community as an immoral woman.

Invariably she believes herself a devoted mother, who is unselfishly interested in the best welfare of her son or daughter; or a devoted sister or aunt, bent on saving the dear relative from the wiles of a designing person.

But in almost every instance the most contemptible spirit of jealousy and intolerance lies at the root of the situation.

Whole communities are made unhappy by such women, and their influence has been known to shadow the lives of three generations by family trouble and strife. When a woman goes beyond the grave and descended from family to family.

Attack this deadly, poisonous weed in your church gardens, good clergyman! It is a more Christlike work for you to do than to explain the dogmas of your men-made creeds.

## THE TIMES INQUIRY COLUMN

Answers to Questions  
Asked by Its Readers

### Washing Chamois Gloves.

Inquirer—Wash your chamois gloves in a suds made of lukewarm water and some good white soap. Rub between the hands, paying especial attention to the finger-tips, and when clean rinse thoroughly in a fresh suds, to which add a few drops of olive oil. Twist lightly in a wringer and hang in the air to dry, rubbing from time to time and stretching into shape.

### To Dry-Clean Lace.

Mrs. T.—Salt and flour, with or without a little borax, and heated, is excellent for dry-cleaning lace.

Rub the dainty fabric in the mixture as though it were water, and then shake and brush out well.

### Cheese Salad.

L. B.—For a good cheese salad, mix lettuce with the cheese, lay on a dish. Sprinkle with a French dressing, mix cottage cheese with enough cream to moisten, season with salt; form into balls, then flatten and press cavity in center and fill with preserved cherries.

### Cream Salad Dressing.

J. B. S.—Beat the yolks of six eggs with half a cup granulated sugar.

Add a cup vinegar, and cook in a double boiler until it thickens. Remove from the stove and while still hot add a tablespoon butter and a tablespoon cream. When cold, add a cup cream beaten to a stiff froth. Keep in a cold place.

### Apple Water for Colds.

J. G.—An excellent tonic for a cold follows: Roast several apples of fine flavor and put into a pitcher. Pour on boiling water and let stand until cold. This will be found very grateful in case of a feverish cold.

### Good Shrimp Curry.

I. G. L.—A good shrimp curry is made as follows: Put four ounces of butter in a saucepan and melt it. Add two small onions. Fry them till brown, then remove them into another dish. Have the shrimps picked, and rub one and a half tablespoonsful of curry powder over them. Add a little salt, and the melted butter and stew over a slow fire until the fish becomes a light brown.

Add as much stock or gravy as will cover the shrimps, season with salt, and when the gravy has become thick add a coffee cupful of coconut milk or cream and the juice of a lemon. Mix well together and serve hot.

## CABBAGE CHEAPER IN LOCAL MARKET

Tomatoes Coming in Larger Quantities and Fruit in Abundance.

With many shipments of new cabbage arriving in this city in the last few days, the price of the vegetable is now 30 to 50 cents a barrel at the wholesale produce market. Tomatoes, which were in large quantities this morning the price for a crate ranging from \$1.25 to \$4.

Fruit is arriving in the city in large quantities. There being plenty of peaches, apples and plums today, the prices in most cases being exceedingly moderate.

Spring chickens are selling from 20 to 25 cents a pound, while the prices of other kinds of poultry are in proportion. Turkeys being from 17 to 18 cents a pound, while hens are 16 cents a pound.

## LUKEWARM WATER FOR WASHING SILK

Never wash silk gloves in hot water. Use lukewarm water, and rinse in cold water with a touch of bluing in it.

Do not rub soap on the silk gloves. Dip them into suds made from some good white soap, and hang them in the air to dry quickly. Colors should always be dried in the shade, as the sun fades them.

After they are dry straighten the fingers out nicely with your hands and put the gloves away, folded between sheets of blue cambric or paper if they are to be left any time.

The blue color prevents anything white, as dresses, ostrich plumes, etc., from turning yellow.

## BEST SUMMER COAT.

The coat closing at the waist line is preferred for summer suits, as it affords the deep opening which is pretty with the lingerie waist and the fashionable frill!

## THE HOUSE THAT JILL BUILT

By Frances Carroll

THE House that Jill built is coming on that is, the financial burden is becoming lighter.

Yesterday one of the In-Door-Out-Door girls, who has stood sponsor for the House that Jill built ever since that day a year ago when the first sum of money was raised, telephoned me to say that the \$1,400-and-something had dwindled to \$1,237—\$27 nice crisp dollar bills had floated in serenely and made a corresponding dent in the lurid row of naughts.

The latest plan to "knock off" the \$23 is to have well-washed make-up a dollar club. If one person feels able and willing to give a dollar, so much the better, but if two are willing to give 50 cents each, the issue is needed and there you are—a dollar against the debt.

## PIN MONEY EARNED BY BRASS PERCING

Cheapness of Materials  
Makes Art Suited for  
Women.

For the woman who in her leisure moments would turn her hand to the task of money-making, the art of brass piercing offers many inducements. Articles in this metal find a ready sale, for the decorative value of brass not only appeals to the trained eye of the color artist, many of whom delight in reproducing its burnished tones on canvas, but to the householder who appreciates the value of a "high light" without just being able to tell why. Furthermore, the articles most likely to go through the hands of the amateur, such as candle sticks, candle and lamp shades, ferns, jardinières, picture frames, and trays of all sizes and sorts are the very things which have the most potent appeal to the average purchaser.

Fortunately the materials and the tools are not prohibitive in price. The brass worker will require a steady hand, drawing-board, thumb-tacks, brass pin-head fasteners, a pair of scissors and some art brass polish. The latter is a queer to give a polished or antique effect if desired.

The sheet of designed brass should be fastened on the drawing-board outlined with the steel pierced by small holes close together, and after this the background is filled in with larger holes. After the brass has been covered with perforations, cut out the form with a pair of sharp scissors. Bend it to the desired shape and fasten with brass fasteners. The article is then ready for the art brass polish or the antique lacquer.

The art brass designs cost from twenty-five cents to a dollar. The brass worker will require a steady hand, drawing-board, thumb-tacks, brass pin-head fasteners, a pair of scissors and some art brass polish. The latter is a queer to give a polished or antique effect if desired.

## THE BEDTIME STORY

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

THE DIAMOND.  
By FARMER SMITH.

"G OODNESS," said Billie Bubbie, covering his eyes.  
"That's right," said a proud voice: "I am so beautiful and dazzling that everybody covers their eyes at the first sight of me."

"You certainly are very beautiful," said Billie Bubbie; "how did you get here?"

"I," said Diamond, for such he was, "I was the most prized possession of my master. One day he lost the book he was walking along the bank of this brook. A little boy found me, but, thinking I was a stone, I threw me into the water."

"I was talking to an old shoe the other day," continued the Diamond, "who was acquainted with my master,

All who wish to contribute any sum, however small or large, may send contributions to me, and I will gladly acknowledge the donation through the columns of this page and turn the money over to the treasurer.

Here is an opportunity to do real service for I don't know any place a dollar would do more good.

Think of it—for years and years and years that dollar will go on working. Just so long as one stone stays upon another in the foundation of the "House that Jill Built," your contribution will do its share toward putting roses in faded cheeks and putting light eyes and smiles on faces of girls who are yet to grow up and go into "business harness."

Who has a dollar to spare for the Vacation House?

Men almost always have a horror of best rooms. They like to camp out in their own particular dens, where muddy boots and rough tweeds do not matter, where dogs may be admitted, and the smell of tobacco is unrebuked.

The smaller the den the more it seems to be appreciated, though sporting trophies and tackle jostle one another in an apparent confusion which is the despair of the housewife, who is far too wise to dream of interfering.

Rooms which are meant simply and solely for use have always a charm of their own. The atmosphere of work pervades them, and such an atmosphere is ever attractive. Perhaps this aspect of the schoolroom may appeal more to grown-ups than to children, but all call appreciate the brightness of the kitchen, with its cheery fire, its shining pots and pans, and its ruling air of brisk, well-kept, and clean cotton gown, presiding at the big wooden table.

The workman, too, is often one of the brightest spots in a house. Here the housewife reigns supreme amidst clouds of delicately hued silk or muslin. The smell of hot iron and the blurring over tables and chairs. The sewing machine whirrs; there is a pleasant smell of hot iron and the blurring over tables and chairs. The sewing machine whirrs; there is a pleasant smell of hot iron and the blurring over tables and chairs.

When a house is very small, and has a tiny drawing room opening out of a narrow hall, it is often a good plan to take down the dividing wall bodily and make a comfortable living room of the two. Curtains or screens will keep off any draught, and the gain in space is surprising.

And he told me my master had never gotten over my loss."

"You must be very valuable," said Billie Bubbie.  
"Well, I should say I am," said the Diamond, proudly. "My Master, so the Shoe told me, has spent thousands of dollars trying to find me."

All of this made little Billie Bubbie feel very humble.  
"I may say," said Billie, "I may say, or rather, I may ask, are you worth so much down here?"

"The very least," said the Diamond, sparkling with anger; "the very least!"

"Oh, I didn't mean to make you angry," said little Billie, "but I was just wondering what you were worth down here."

But the Diamond didn't answer. He just rolled over and covered himself with mud, he was so put out.

## Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Sunday, July 3, 1910.

The past few days will show that the past week has been a good one.

URANUS rules this day for reforms. Changes for the better, improvements in manner and system, insight and energy.

In the zodiac men should be able to see clearly the reason for past failures. The day is marked, according to astrology, with tendencies toward improvement in all directions, saving men, the power of perceiving errors and rectifying them.

Science, science, and art are under bright signs. The time is good for sight-seeing and short journeys. Deal with persons who put roses in faded cheeks and putting light eyes and smiles on faces of girls who are yet to grow up and go into "business harness."

Who has a dollar to spare for the Vacation House?

Lovers must not insist on petty considerations and should avoid trivial disagreements. Married people are in danger of quarreling, particularly over a journey or over matters of dress or household management.

The threatening aspect of Mars toward dangerous implements and flame is increased. Recklessness in any field is under serious omen.

It will be wise today to be unusually careful in crossing streets and to exercise great caution in using vehicles or crossing thoroughfares.

Entertainments, visits, amusements, music, singing and dancing are under good signs. There is an evening, however, over dissipation or "unrestrained revelry," especially in the evening.

"There is a sign, also, warning against 'struggle with strangers.' Persons of good nature, kindly emotions, and faithfulness are under the best signs today. There is little or no quarrel between the sexes. Women will do well to avoid anything that may be interpreted as coquettishness, and they must be on their guard against giving opportunity for malicious slander."

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## MAXIMS TO GUIDE